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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to call to the attention of the Examiner the enclosed "List of References Cited by Applicants." The right is reserved to antedate any item in accordance with standard procedure.

The undersigned certifies in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2) that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.

In view of the status of the subject application, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c), Applicants hereby request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement with Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2).

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Applicants respectfully request that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the List of References Cited by Applicants be returned to Applicants.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 609. If for some reason the Examiner considers otherwise, please telephone the undersigned.

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If there are any questions regarding the above, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 650-845-4892.

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